

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ONGOING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether many ongoing projects of Rajasthan are lagging behind their stipulated time and this State is comparatively neglected in the field of electronic media network;
- (b) If so, whether any review of implementation of various projects in State has been made;
- (c) If so, the details thereof, Project-wise and the reasons for delay in this regard; and
- (d) The details of action plan adopted finally for expanding/strengthening the electronic media network in this region during 2000-2001 alongwith the proposals received in this regard and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Progress of implementation of AIR and Doordarshan projects in Rajasthan has generally been satisfactory. Only one AIR project and seven Doordarshan projects are lagging behind schedule out of 3 AIR and 15 DD projects under implementation. The State is covered by AIR to the extent of 91.5% by area and 98.8% by population which compares well with national average of 90% and 98.8% respectively. The terrestrial coverage by Doordarshan is 70.1% by area and 76.2% by population, which is somewhat lower than the national average of 75.6% by area and 88.2% by population.

(b): It has been informed by Prasar Bharati that progress of implementation of ongoing projects of AIR and Doordarshan in different parts of the country including Rajasthan is being reviewed regularly.

(c)&(d): The details of ongoing projects for expansion/strengthening of AIR and Doordarshan network alongwith reasons for delay in the state are given in Annexure-I. Requests for setting up of new Radio Stations and TV Transmitters are received from time to time from various quarters. These requests have been noted for consideration while formulating the expansion plans, subject to the availability of adequate financial resources and inter-se priorities.